Supply of aluminium to IPICOL by NALCO

1625. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER : Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether IPICOL, which has been granted a latter of intent for setting up a Piston Pin Project in No industry District Orissa, has requested the Central government to supply 100 Per cent Aluminium metal in the form of ingotes from NALCO, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA) : (a) No request has been received by the Ministry for supply of aluminium to the piston project of IPICOL.

(b) Does not arise.

Loans and Subsidy For Pumpsets

1626. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be Pleased to refer, to reply to Unstarred Question 563 given in the Rajya Sabha on 25th July, 1986 and state the quantum of loans and subsidy given for the Purchase of Pumpsets Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : Subsidies under some Centrally sponsored schemes are given to the State Governments but details of loans and subsidies to individual farmers are not maintained at the Centre.

Central assistance for the Construction of field Channels

1627. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be Pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that 50 per cent Central assistance is Provided to the state Governments for the construction of field channels below 40 hectare outlets;

(b) whether government are aware that thousands of hectares of government land along the irrigation canals is lying unutilised/ underutilised;

(c) whether government Propose to give 50 Per cent subsidy to the state governments if they propose to take up useful scheme like horticulture, fodder development, pisciculture on the aforesaid land;

(d) whether the government of Madhya Pradesh submitted any such Proposals to the Union government; and

(e) if so, what is government's reaction thereto ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The land along the canal is essentially meant for maintenance of the canal.

(c) There is no such Proposal.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.

Modernisation of Mining Methods in Iron Ore Mines

1628. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have drawn up any programme for the

develpoment and modernisation of minining methods in iron ore mines; and

(d) if so, what are the details of iron mines selected for development in Orissa ?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) and (b) Development and mormodernisation of mining methods of iron-ore mines are taken up on a continuing bssis. Inspections carried out by the officers of the Indian Bureau of Mines also ensure that the mining methods adopted are scientific and keep in view the norms of conservation of mineral resources. A note indicating the development and modernisation programmes in the captive iron ore mines of the Steel Authority of India Limited in Orissa is given in the enclosed statement. In addition to this, a feasibility study to enhance the production capacity of iron-ore mines belonging to the Orissa Mineral Department Company Limited in Keonjhar District of Orissa is also in progress.

Statement

Development of Captive Iron Ore Mines of SAIL in Orissa

Bolani Ore Mines : As part of the modernisation project of Durgapur Steel Plant complete wet washing and screening facilities envisaged to be set up at Bolani for upgrading its lump and fine ore:

Barsua Iron Ore Mines :

(1) Measures have been initiated to raise the tailing dam in 2 stages of 5 meters each.

(2) Tests are being continuously conducted at Barsua Mines for preferential washing of AL 203 in the iron ore fines.

(3) Tests on the usability on the sline cakes by upgradation through wet high intenstity magnetic separation methods are being done. This will decrease the slime losses.

Kalta Iron Ore Mines: A project has been taken up for mechanically screening the ore and recovering the fines, so that not only the cost if lump ore will come down but the fines with richer Fe content would also be effectively used at Rourkela Steel Plant

Losses due to Floods in States

1629. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that some States have been effective by the recent floods ;

(b) if so, what are the name of those States and the extent of damage caused to human lives, crops and cattle wealth due to floods ; and

(c) the extent of assistance provided by the Central Government to those States ?

THE MINISTER OF STATES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) : Statewise details of a extent of damages caused due to floods after the onset of monsoon 1986, as reported by the States, are indicated in the Annexture. [*See* Appendix CXXXIX Annexure No. 93]

(c) Memorendum seeking Central assistance for flood relief has been received only from Government of Punjab on 4-8-1986, and the same is under consideration.

Allotment of Government Quarters in Connaught Lane in New Delhi

1630. SHRI ROSHAN LAL : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :